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ONE PENNY.

SWIMMING.

THE CHAMPION CHALLENGE CUP.

MATHER AND BECKWITH.—A match has been made between E. B. Mather, of Manchester, the present holder, and F. E. Beckwith, of London, to swim a race for the Championship of England and a stake of £20 a side, also a bet of £20 a side. E. B. Mather, of Manchester, agrees to swim F. Beckwith, of London, a straight-away race on the Thames, at Hammer-smith, August 17, 1863, from a large moored opposite the Dove, at Hammer-smith, to the Putney Aqueduct, for a stake of £20 a side; also a bet of £20 a side and the Champion Cup, which E. B. Mather will hand over to the London Club seven days before the race. The men to start by report of pistol. The editor of the *Sporting Life* to be stakeholder. The umpire, referee, and starter chosen, time of starting appointed, and other preliminaries arranged at a place to be named by Beckwith on making the final deposit. The money to be staked as follows:—First deposit, of £20 a side, on or before Tuesday, July 14, 1863; second deposit, of £20 a side, on or before Tuesday, July 21; third deposit, of £20 a side, on or before Tuesday, July 28; fourth deposit, of £20 a side, on or before Tuesday, August 5; fifth and final deposit, on or before August 11. Either party failing to comply with these articles to forfeit all moneys down.

(Signed)

"E. B. MATHER, jun."
"F. E. BECKWITH."

PRIZE FOR SWIMMING.—The gold medal for swimming, to be offered annually by Sir William Fraser, Bart. (the committee of the Royal Humane Society to be the adjudicators of the prize), will be competed for, for the first time, at Hammer-smith, on Wednesday evening, the 22nd of July, at 7.30. The distance to be swum is one mile with the ebb tide, and the prize to be awarded the competitor who first reaches the mark boat. No professional swimmers will be allowed to compete, as the prize is intended to encourage the general public to learn the much neglected, but very useful art of swimming. Entries can be made at or before the time of the competition. All must wear drawers. A prize for the second man will be given by the London Swimming Club.

On Saturday evening a great number of persons assembled to witness a swimming match between Walter Lockley, of Bermondsey, and William Hodges, of St. Luke's, for £2 a side from Lambeth Bridge to Vauxhall Bridge. The men started at half-past six o'clock. At 100 yds Hodges was gaining rapidly, and maintained the lead until half the distance was accomplished, when he was seized with the cramp, which enabled Lockley to overhaul his opponent, and finish a very exciting match by going in a winner by half a yard. Referee, Mr. Marshall.

KNURR AND SPELL.

CITY GROUNDS, QUARRY GAP, BRADFORD.

On Saturday there was a large attendance at these grounds to witness the twelve champion prize contest for Mr. Hardy's (the proprietor) prize of £20. With the exception of Kirk Stables and J. Coward, all the players put in an appearance, and caused a large amount of speculation. Each man played fifteen times, and will have to play fifteen more on Saturday (to-day). A heavy shower of rain came on during the game, which caused the men to give up playing for some time. The following are the scores got by the men in each of their fifteen times:—J. Hollings, 24 scores given, 9 9 9 9 9 10 10 9 10 10 10—161. Thorold, 24, 10 10 8 9 4 10 9 9 10 9 9 10 10—161. J. Jagger, 30, 10 11 9 10 10 11 10 8 9 8 10—163. Child, 27, 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 9 11 7 10 6—173. G. B. R. trick, 26, 9 9 9 8 9 10 9 9 8 9 8 11—150. Nelly Pearson, 20, 12 10 9 12 11 10 12 10 9 11 10 7—172. S. Abel, 40, 9 8 7 9 10 7 8 9 9 8 9 9—161. Bill at Mount, 24, 10 8 9 10 9 9 9 10 10 9 9 10—161. Robinson, 22, 10 10 8 11 9 8 9 10 6 8 9 8—148. Jackson (bad), 26, 8 7 8 8 9 9 9 8 10 9 8 10—153.

SCULLERY AND WALKER.—Mr. J. Kellott, Low-moor, has recanted articles and £10 a side for a match at knurr and spell between W. Sutcliffe (father Bill at Mount) and H. Smith (father Thorne), of Ovenson, for £25 a side, which is fixed to take place at these grounds on Saturday (to-day).

HARDY AND TAYLOR.—These men have now £10 a side down for their match, for £25 a side, which is fixed to be played at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds, on Saturday (to-day).

STARLES AND FRANK.—These crack players have deposited the money due for their match, in which Pearson is to receive 20 scores in 10 times, for £20 a side. To come off on Monday next, 20th inst., at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds. Mr. Kellott, stakeholder and referee.

DEATH OF MR. W. FULLER, OF HARPENDEN.—11½ with much regret we announce the death of Mr. W. Fuller, many years landlord of the Bull Inn, Harpenden, who expired on Thursday last, after a brief illness. Deceased was well known on the turf in association with Mr. Frederick Faber and Mr. Coward, the former owners of New Brighton. Simple Simon, Walpole, and other racemasters. Recently the Bull Inn stables of carcasses having undergone his early Derby preparation at that establishment; indeed, Mr. Mr. Fuller was a warm-hearted, upright man, and one universally respected.

BILLIARDS.

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE RACKET COURT, HAMPSHIRE ROAD.

HUGHES AND MULBERRY.—The match announced to be played between these celebrated performers took place at the above-named establishment, to inaugurate the opening of Mr. Keck's very handsome new billiard saloon, which is one of the handsomest in London, and contains three tables. Mulberry led during the early part of the match, being 100 to 70, 187 to 112, 201 to 122, 222 to 140, and 225 to 144. Hughes scored 15 and Mulberry 19 off successive breaks. The game was further increased to 225 to 175. Hughes then made 47 and Mulberry 12—268 to 217. Mulberry a break of 14, Hughes 12, and Mulberry 14—300 to 252. Hughes a break of 29 and 18, Mulberry 24—375 to 309. Mulberry continued to lead, playing remarkably well, and coming in for a full share of applause, although his breaks were not so long as those of his opponent. The score was 384 to 349. A break of Mulberry's raised his to 404 to Hughes' 341. Here Hughes made 36 and Mulberry 32—430 to 389. Hughes at this time made 61 off his break, and Mulberry 24—458 to 421—474 to 436. Hughes a finely-played break of 28. Still Mulberry was 474 to 421. They were 476 all, 491 to 457, and Mulberry got the ball. Hughes started at 477 to 456 and got the game off the balls, finishing with a six stroke, his own and the red ball in opposite middle pockets.

Hughes won the pyramid match, three games off. The American game he also won, 300 to 261. The table is a good one, with difficult pockets. Both men came in for well-merited applause.

HUNTING.

THE gallant little crack pack of harriers, the property of Mr. Joseph Harris, of Blue-hill, near Newton Abbot, was out on Friday last, and got upon the trail of a large otter, on the Teign near the Hingeston turnpike-road, and pursued it vigorously to Fawley-house, and back to the Grand Stand on the racecourse; the water, however, there became so very muddy that the game was lost. The sport was very exciting, and lasted upwards of one hour. This excellent little pack is a great acquisition to the sporting fraternity of the neighbourhood, and has already killed three otters in as many weeks.

SEEL, THE CLOWN.

This famous multi-prover is so well known in every town where a circus of any pretensions has visited, that any description of his personifications and person would be superfluous. Suffice it to say that he is one of the first in his line, and as a contortionist is perhaps without an equal. Many who look upon his portrait will remember his antics in bygone days, when it was his peculiar pleasure to pack himself up in hampers, and send himself long journeys, for wagons. We believe his present was with Quaglin's troupe at Plymouth, where he found hosts of friends and admirers. We call particular attention to his hat, with which for years he has been nearly associated. Seel without his hat would be as great a novelty as snow in August. (A portrait of Seel appeared in No. 68.)

SHOOTING.

HORNBY WOOD.

ALTHOUGH the master on Saturday last was not so large as usual, a great deal of shooting took place, and thirty dozen of Barber's birds were expended. Several handicap sweepstakes were shot, for which seventeen entered their names, the winners being Colonel Fraser, Captain Peyton, Sir H. Campbell, Mr. Dillwyn, Lord Gessie, Col. Wheatley, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Caumont de la Force, and Mr. Becher.

ROSEMARY HEDGE, PROCKHAM.

On Friday last this celebrated ground was well attended, when several private matches were shot at pigeons and starlings. After which several sweepstakes took place at pigeons, starlings, and sparrows, the principal winners being Messrs. Fitter, Howard, Sherrin, and M'George.

CITY GROUNDS, QUARRY GAP, BRADFORD.

BERRY AND ARTHUR.—This match for £20, at eleven pigeons each, takes place on Saturday (to-day).

BUTTERWORTH AND CROSLAND.—This match for £20 came off on Monday last, when Mr. Butterworth won, killing all his birds.

ROWLINGTON AND FOX.—£2 a side is now down for this match, for £40. Rowlington to shoot at twenty-one birds, and Fox at twenty. To take place on the 25th inst.

RABBIT COURSING.

GIP AND FLY.—Mr. Holden now has £10 a side for a match between James (Gip) of Gips, of Buntingford, and Bowley's Fly, of Tinsley, to run the best of twenty-one courses, for £20 a side, on July 25th, at the Bull's Head, Gorton. Mr. A. Taiton is appointed referee.

BEES AND FAX.—Mr. Holden now has £7 10s a side for the match between John Worby's Fan, of Street Green, and Thomas Allen's Fly, of Gorton, to run the best of twenty-one courses, for £10 a side, at the Bull's Head Inn, Gorton, on August 3rd, neither dog to exceed 25lb weight. Mr. Holden is to appoint the referee.

FLY AND NIMBLE.—Mr. Holden now has £1 a side for a match between Joseph (Gip) of Buntingford, and Wm. Mellor's Nimble, of Street Green, to run the best of twenty-one courses, for £10 a side, on August 10th, at the Bull's Head Inn, Gorton. Another deposit of £1 10s a side is due on the 21st inst.

LAST.—The public met with disappointment on Saturday, in consequence of a slight frost, for the money down for the match between her and Captain John Mith, Fan, which was to have been run at the Cardigan Arms on that day.

RALPH MARSHALL'S bitch, Flora, of Gildersome, is open to be matched to run the best of twenty-one courses at rabbits, for £25 or £20 a side, against any bitch or dog in England weighing less than 10lb. A deposit to Mr. J. Woodcock, Harwood Arms, Leeds, and articles to Mr. Marshall, "Mines" Arms, Gildersome, will ensure a match. To run in five weeks after the first deposit.

SALER AND FAX.—A match, to run the best of twenty-one courses at rabbits, has been made for T. Ingland's dog Salter, of Cullingworth, and J. Parker's bitch Fan, of Atherly, for £15 a side, at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds, on Saturday, July 25th. Mr. Woodcock has received £7 10s a side, the remainder of the money to be made good on the day of running.

LUCY AND JACK, for £50.—A sovereign each is now down, and articles signed for Parker's Lucy, of Sheffield, and Thompson's Jack, of Gorton, to run the best of forty-one courses, 50 yds law, for £25 a side, at Doncaster, on Monday, September 7. W. Charlesworth, stakeholder.

JACK AND POLLY.—There is now £2 10s a side down for the match at rabbits, twenty-one courses, for £10 a side, between Walker's Jack and Sydnall's Polly. The match takes place on Monday, the 27th inst., at Newhall Gardens.



MR. SHARP TUGBY, THE WELL-KNOWN CRICKETER.

(From a Photograph.)

PEDESTRIANISM.

METROPOLITAN RACE GROUNDS, HACKNEY WICK.

THE attendance at these grounds on Monday last was meagre in the extreme to witness the walking match of seven miles between W. Myers and Thomas, for £10 a side, the latter receiving thirty seconds start. At a few minutes before seven the men came on the course, Myers attended by J. Howe, and Thomas by several friends. The betting, which was very little, was in favour of Thomas, and even when Myers had caught him, 5 to 4 was offered on Thomas, which caused many to think a screw was loose. To complete the distance, the ground had to be traversed forty-seven times and 100 yds. All being in readiness, and W. Hatley chosen referee and time-keeper, the men came to the mark prepared for business. On getting the word, Thomas went away in good style, but not particularly fast, covering only about 140 yds in the given time. At the expiration of the half-minute Myers dashed away in due style, and began unmistakably to gain on his opponent. At the finish of the first lap Myers was within 20 yds of his man, but the pace at which he had been going seemed to have told on him; he, however, kept on with undiminished speed, and coming down the straight in the eleventh lap, was at the hill in the twentieth lap, where Myers went alongside and took a look at Thomas, but in a few strides fell back and resumed his former position. In the twenty-eighth lap Myers was some ten yards in the rear, but in the following round made up his lost ground, and rounding the Parola Turn came for the first time to the front, and led the way by some four or five yards. Thomas, however, stuck to his man, and in the next lap repassed Myers. For several laps they alternately led until coming down the straight in the thirty-fourth round, where Myers was left a long way behind, and although he struggled on, the match may be said to have been over, for Thomas kept on with undiminished speed, and when five miles and a half had been completed, Myers, who complained of "the stitch," gave up. Thomas, after walking two more laps, was told by his opponent's backers that they were satisfied, and he likewise halted up. The following is the time of each mile:—

Miles.	Mr. S.	Miles.	Mr. A.
1.	12 30	1.	32 20
2.	12 15	2.	32 15
3.	22 55	3.	41 55

Mr. G. OCHTERBY'S BAZAR.—This affair takes place on Monday next, July 20.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS, GARRATT LANE, WANDSWORTH.

THESE grounds were on Saturday last but thinly attended, the only event being a walking match of three miles, for £5 a side, between Catts and Wren, the latter being allowed one minute start. The betting, which was rather brisk, was 6 to 5 on Wren. The ground, being 40 yds in circumference, had to be traversed twelve times. All being in readiness, Wren was told to "go," and went off at a good pace, covering about 220 yds in the given time. Catts now got the signal to start, and dashed after his opponent at a clipping pace, and from the first began gaining on him. As lap followed lap, so did the distance between the competitors diminish until the tenth had been entered upon, when Catts went to the front, and held the lead to the finish, going in an easy winner in 56 min 10 sec.

PRINCE OF WALES GROUND, NOW.

HALE AND FORT.—These men met on Saturday last, to run one mile, for £5 a side. Jacques, the veteran ped, was referee. The betting was even. Hale took the lead by three or four yards for a couple of laps, and notwithstanding Fort ran very gamely, Hale ran him off his legs 160 yds from home, and won easily.

LEADS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

VICTORIA RACE GROUNDS.—Barras and Hainsworth met at these grounds on Saturday, and ran their 100 yds race, for £5 a side. Barras won easily by about 2 yds.

BEATHWAITE AND PECK.—These Army men also met to run 121 yds, for £10 a side. Peck was the favourite at 5 to 4. When the pistol was fired, for Brathwaite bounded off, and Peck remained at the post, his opponent running the distance at leisure. Peck's conduct was severely censured by his backers, and much unpleasantness was occasioned, many claiming their money back, but we believe that the stakes and the bet were ultimately given up to Brathwaite.

CITY GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.

CHAMPION'S SWEEPSTAKES.—ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.—There will be a Champion's Sweepstakes of four men, at £20 each, with £20 added, at these grounds to-day (Saturday), July 18th. Prizes, £110; distance, one mile and a quarter. The following four celebrated men have entered:—Sliah Albion, Howles; John White, Catehead; William Lang of Middlesbrough; and P. Napleton, of Stalybridge; and have paid £20 each to Mr. Holden, White Lion, piece at five o'clock precisely.

SANDERSON AND LANG.—Mr. Holden now has £20 a side for the match between James Sanderson, of Willthorpe, and Wm. Lang, of Middlesbrough, to run two miles here, for £25 a side, on Saturday, August 1st.

KARNHAW AND WILLIAMSON.—Mr. Holden now has £10 a side for the race of 120 yds, for £15 a side, at these grounds, on Saturday, July 25th, between J. Karnshaw, of Thosbridge, and A. Williamson, of Salford.

SCHOFIELD AND IKER.—Mr. Holden now has £10 a side for a match between



MR. BAILEY, OF NOTTS, THE FAMOUS ANGLER.
(From a Photograph.)

William Schofield, of Heywood, and Wm. Hoap, of Taunton, to run 289 yds here, for £25 a side, on August 3rd. Another deposit of £5 a side is due on July 15th, Mr. Holden to be referee. The men to be on the mark at four o'clock.

SPARK AND SPARK.—Joseph Nutall, of Radcliffe, has matched his dog Nigger against J. Wormwood's Spark, of Rochdale, to run 200 yds, for £10 a side, at these grounds on Saturday, July 25th, neither dog to exceed 16 lb weight; Spark to have one yard start inside. Mr. Holden, the stakeholder and referee, now has £5 a side.

QUICKHART RACE EVER HUNT.—LASE AND SANDERSON.—On Saturday last about 1,000 persons assembled at these grounds, and met with a treat in the annals of pedestrianism, by witnessing the swiftest race ever known. The competitors were William Lang, of Middlesbrough, and James Sanderson, of Willthorpe, near Rochdale. The distance to be traversed was one mile, and he stake at issue £25 a side, which had been previously placed in the safe keeping of Mr.

Holden (the pedestrian banker), of the White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester, who also acted as referee. The betting commenced at seven o'clock in the meeting, but it soon rose to 6 to 4 on Lang, which odds were freely offered when the men were on the mark. Although these grounds have not been made long, still the many improvements which we noticed on Saturday last now stamp it one of the best courses in England for the decision of any match in which "a trial of speed" is wanted. The course is a circuitous route, and has been altered to 800 yds round; consequently the men ran twice round, with the addition of 100 yds to complete the distance. All being in readiness, precisely at six o'clock the men appeared on the mark, when a start was effected. Sanderson taking the lead, which he soon made into five yards, in which position he kept, with little alteration, until the first circuit of the course was completed; and on referring to the "tickers" it was found they had run the first lap, or 800 yds, in seven seconds under two minutes. Still on they went, everyone astonished at the speed, until about 250 yds from home Lang, almost by a superhuman effort, collared his opponent, soon got in front, and won by about eight or ten yards, leaving in the hands of the "tickers" being the quickest race on record, and surpassing Albion's quickest time by three-quarters of a second. Lang met with a perfect ovation on his brilliant success. James Sanderson was not forgotten, as, although he was defeated, he proved himself to be no mean competitor. Lang had been under the eye of George Martin, of London, whilst Sanderson had taken breathings with the renowned Billy Fish, of Rye, and both men took the picture of health. Lang, if anything, looked much lighter than we ever saw him before.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS, NEWTON HEATH.

FROM ASH KENT.—On Saturday last these well-known grounds were visited by about 300 persons to witness a foot race between J. Fyton, of Middlesbrough, and J. Kent, of Tongue-lane, in the same neighbourhood, the distance being ten miles, for £10 a side. Mr. Hayes being stakeholder and referee. Owing to the weather being exceedingly warm, the match was not till seven o'clock at night, and even then their staying qualities were put to the test. Betting was 5 to 4 on Fyton. The ground measuring 60 yds yr, they had to make upwards of 29 revolutions to complete the distance. All being in readiness, the men left the cross, when a good race ensued. Kent winning by about eight yards, having run with far more judgment than his opponent.

ROGERS' GROUNDS, OZHAM.

ON Saturday last there was upwards of 300 persons present here to witness the heats for the All England Dog Handicap. First prize, £3; second, £1 10s; third, 10s. There was 72 entries for the first heat, and it was the successful dogs that won their heats:—Roberts' Buttery, of Stalybridge; Taylor's Old Dutchman, Oldham; Henry's Spot, Ashton; Littlewood's Tan; Bradley's Spring, Ashton; Feltow's Lucy, Lees; Taylor's Twig, Oldham; Greenwood's Jane, Oldham; Fielding's Virgin, Oldham; Hilton's Twig, Oldham; Shore's Dutchman, Rochdale; Connor's Sweep, Oldham; Huchins' Wallace, Oldham; Schott's Violet, Saddleworth; Hocking's Cuck, Chas. derton; Wild's Pretty Boy, Oldham; Connor's Nancy, Oldham; Ogden's Skye, Rochdale; Sykes' Tan, Almonbury; Greenwood's Peter, Lees; Mason's Kallidrum, Halifax; Alfred's Gipsy, Oldham; and Booth's Buttery, Oldham. Mr. J. Chadwick filled the office of referee. The deciding heats to come off on Saturday next; to commence running at half-past four o'clock.

ASTON CROSS.—The sporting fixtures for Monday last at these grounds naturally drew together a large number of the lovers of pedestrianism. Shortly after three o'clock the bell rang for the first event, a six score yards match, for £5 a side, between two comparative novices, Thorne and Hemmings (alias Fishy). The moment the men appeared on the ground some extraordinary brisk betting commenced, at 5 to 4 on Thorne, but, before the commencement of the race, a large sum was lavished at odds, Thorne for choice. Both men appeared in fair running order, Thorne being attended by Ben Harrington, Fishy by T. Newbold and G. Harbottle. Thorne was allowed on scratch, during which time, after several fruitless attempts, they got off very evenly, when a finely-contested race ensued, Thorne running in a winner by half a yard only. Referee, Mr. Bolton.

A considerable time now elapsed, and at a quarter past four two Scots Grey's privates, named respectively Brown and Porter, came on the ground to run a mile match, for £5 a side, Porter, the elder performer, giving Brown 20 yds start. At the first report of the pistol the men left the mark, Brown with a considerable advantage in the start, in addition to the 20 yds given. The two first laps were contested at a good pace for amateurs, Porter (who is the better built man of the two for the job) gaining some 5 yds. The pace now considerably abated, and it appeared a question whether either man could do the distance. They struggled on, however, the young 'un having the most stamina, and keeping considerably in the front until, at seven and a half laps, Porter gave in, dead beat. Time, 5 min 45 sec. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Brown. Referee, Mr. Bolton.

Now, after a short interval, came the principal event of the day, the 1,000 yds match between those noted pedestrian clippers, Tommy Roberts and Tom Brown, for twenty sovs. The men came on the grounds in very fine form. Brown being waited on by his brother Harry, and some brisk speculation at once commenced at 2 to 1 on Brown. The men got off by mutual consent, Roberts at once going to the front, and in this position they kept for the first two laps (of which there were five to complete the distance). In the third lap Brown collared and passed Roberts, and the race was now virtually won, as Brown "held all his own," and eventually ran in an easy winner, Roberts pulling up at 44 laps. Mr. J. Talley undertook the refereeing. The principal bulk of the company now left the grounds, and at 6.30 Young Smalley and the veteran J. Coleman came forward, to walk their six mile



THE GREAT SCENE IN THE "GHOST DRAMA" OF THE ADELPHI THEATRE.
(From a Drawing by our own Artist.)



MASSON, THE FAMOUS TENNIS PLAYER OF THE LAST CENTURY.

(From an Engraving, dated 1700.)

